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In re the Application of:

Hironobu KITAJIMA et al.

Serial No.: 08/814,409

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For: ENCRYPTING/DECRYPTING SYSTEM WITH PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC DEVICE/UNIT AND METHOD THEREOF

Group Art Unit: 2767

Examiner: D. Meislahn

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

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On 4/6/00 by STANISLAW to Richard A. Zollhoff

Date 4/6/00

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 6, 2000, and having a period for response set to expire on April 6, 2000. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** the claims as follows:

1. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) An encrypting apparatus, comprising:
a circuit unit, having at least one programmable logic device, to form an encrypting circuit with the programmable logic device corresponding to given encrypting specifications;
a change data generating unit to generate automatically change data for changing at least one of the encrypting specifications; and
a changing unit, coupled to said circuit unit and said change data generating unit, to read the change data [for changing the encrypting specifications] and to change automatically a structure of the encrypting circuit corresponding to the change data by
10 changing a circuit structure of the programmable logic device without removal from said encrypting apparatus.